

Famous Painter Among Petropavlovsk Dead

Vasili Vereshchagin, Distinguished Russian Artist, Who Was Guest of Admiral Makaroff, Reported Killed in Disaster.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—It is reported that among the dead of the battleship Petropavlovsk, sunk off Port Arthur, is Vasili Vereshchagin, the famous painter, who was a guest of Admiral Makaroff.

Vasili Vereshchagin.

Vasili Vereshchagin, the distinguished Russian artist, who is supposed to have lost his life in the explosion of the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk, was the greatest modern painter of battle scenes and was a visitor to Washington in 1902. The artist was presented to the President at that time by Count Cassini for the purpose of obtaining accurate data on the battle of San Juan Hill for his contemplated painting of that engagement.

Vereshchagin was known all over the world for his wonderful war canvases. He fought in many of the battles and made sketches during the engagements. Through his personal participation in many notable engagements his paintings have brought a higher price than those of any other artist in the world.

Of an Old Family.

The artist was born in the early thirties in the Province of Novgorod, and of one of the oldest families in Russia. His tendency to sketch everything that came within his notice was a matter of much concern on the part of his parents, who were extremely conservative people. His father determined that young Vereshchagin should adopt a military career, and in preparation for this the boy was sent to the government military school in St. Petersburg.

It was while a student at this school that Vereshchagin obtained valuable knowledge of military subjects and from the time he entered he took a course in art which was continued, after he left college, with the best masters of St. Petersburg, and later under Jerome at Paris. He confined himself exclusively to military subjects and in 1877, when General Kauffman undertook the conquest of Tartary, Bokhara, and the Pamirs, pushing the Russian domain up to the very gates of India, Vereshchagin fought with the Russians throughout the entire campaign of two years.

Made Him Famous.

This experience resulted in two paintings, which made him famous all over the world. They are "Kirghiz Hunters," which represents a group of wild Kirghiz-Tartars returning to their encampment carrying the heads of the Russians whom they captured. The other is entitled "Russians Surprised by Tartars," and represents an engagement in which the artist was severely wounded and nearly lost his life. These paintings were exhibited in London and created a great sensation, capturing the highest awards in the exhibition of 1876. In the same campaign, Vereshchagin

assumed command of 500 Russians, who had been left in the Tartar city of Samarcand after that city had fallen into the hands of the Russians. General Kauffman, the commander, believing that a small garrison would be sufficient to hold the city, left with the main body of the army, to reduce Bokhara. The city was surrounded by 20,000 Tartars and Vereshchagin held out against them for five days, until General Kauffman returned with relief. For this Vereshchagin was decorated by the Czar with the Cross of St. George, the highest military honor conferred by the Russian government.

Scenes in Cuba.

Vereshchagin painted a number of famous battle scenes in Cuba and the Philippines, and incidents which impressed him. Among these are his "The Battle of Zapote Bridge," "Are You Hit, Sergeant?" and "The Letter Lies Unfinished." To him may be accredited the origin of an old saying, "All's Quiet Along the Potomac." It was during the Russo-Turkish war, and Vereshchagin obtained personal sketches for some of his most famous canvases. One of these is "All is Quiet in the Shipka," and portrays a Russian sentinel frozen to death at his post in the Shipka Pass. Vereshchagin always regarded as one of his greatest triumphs in art his series of twenty paintings of Napoleon's Moscow campaign. Contrary to the custom of other artists who had represented the great warrior at the height of his power or in the midst of his victories, Vereshchagin reproduced scenes of adversity in the campaign of Napoleon, leading his half-starved, ragged little band of men. The pictures proved a revelation to the French people.

Realistic Battle Scenes.

The artist has painted a greater number and more realistic battle scenes than any other living artist, and has reproduced scenes from nearly every campaign of modern times. When he was in Washington in 1902 he visited President Roosevelt for more than an hour, and afterward declared that the President had furnished him with much valuable information concerning the battle of San Juan.

While in Washington Vereshchagin consulted a number of officers and men who participated in that battle, and made a close study of maps at the War Department for the purpose of gaining accurate data. During his stay in the Philippines, he paid a high tribute to the American soldier, who, he said, was a fighter by intelligence and not by orders and discipline, which prevails among European soldiers.

CHIEF CLERK MICHAEL RETURNS TO DUTY

Col. W. H. Michael, chief clerk of the State Department, who has been confined to his home by a sprained ankle, was at the department today for the first time in three weeks.

RUSSIA'S FAMOUS PAINTER.



VASSILI VERESHCHAGIN.

The famous painter who was on board the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk, a guest of Vice Admiral Makaroff, when it went down. It is believed he perished with the crew. He was known in Washington, and in 1902 painted a picture of the battle of San Juan showing President Roosevelt leading the charge of the Rough Riders.

CAPTAIN WHEELER DIES. RESULT OF WOUNDS

Major General Wade cabled the War Department today that Capt. David

Porter Wheeler, Twenty-third Infantry, died yesterday in the Philippines, as a result of a wound sustained while fighting the Moros in Mindanao on April 11. Captain Wheeler was appointed to the army from Zanesville, Ohio.

MUST NOT READ OR SELL TICKETS

Prerogatives of the White House Employees Curtailed.

MUST PAY REGARD TO DUTY

Aimed at Alleged Habits of Preoccupation and Imposition on Old Acquaintances.

An order issued at the White House forbids employees to read the morning papers, while on duty, or to solicit the sale of tickets.

There is, it is said, no deep seated grudge against the morning prints, or the success of balls, festivals, or entertainments in general, but the order has been promulgated for the sake of office discipline.

Inattention to Duty.

Until recently, it is said, the prima and business like appearance of the White House entrance has been somewhat marred by the studiousness of the ushers and policemen on duty. Instead of standing at attention before or behind the doors to guide the business and social visitors, it is said the men were busy with the news of the morning.

Sometimes they would be so much engrossed with the details of a murder mystery or a strange disappearance in some far away city, that the appearance of callers at the door of the building would go all unobserved, and the visitors be obliged themselves to open the portal.

Complimented Complains.

The sale of tickets for lodge and church benefits had also become quite a nuisance. The doorkeepers presumed upon their acquaintance with regular visitors to such an extent that they "saved" tickets for them at every opportunity. It is possible that some of the persons complimented complained to the secretary.

ACKLEY MAY REGAIN PLACE ON ACTIVE LIST

Capt. Seth M. Ackley, U. S. N., retired, will be given an opportunity to regain his place on the active list of the navy. Eighteen months ago his health failed. He is now said to have recovered, and, in accordance with a recent act of Congress, a board of five members has been named to determine Captain Ackley's fitness for restoration to the active list.

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These come in Black and Tan Vici and Velvet Kid, Patent Colt and Patent Kid, in Blucher, regular cut, low button, and the New Gibson tie effect, with large eyelet and ribbon bow. Kid and patent tip and plain Vamp, welt and turn sewed. Cuban, French, Military and Castilian Heel. All sizes from 2 to 8, AA to E.

Boys' Norfolk Caps, 25c Instead of 50c.

This is a special lot, made from the mill ends of the present season's suitings, Fancy Mixtures and Navy Blue Serge. There are only three or four caps of each pattern; that is the reason for the price being 25c instead of 50c.

\$12.50 and \$13.50 Young Men's Suits..... \$9.75

Here is an exceptional offering—right in the beginning of the season—to have a chance to pick from 350 Suits of the newest patterns and of the latest cut. Some are plain Black, others Fancy Mixtures. Some Single Breasted, others Double Breasted. All of fast color. The selection is from as nobby a line of Suits as was ever collected under one roof. They are all Young Mannish Suits. Fabrics all appropriate for their wearing. They have the broad shoulders so much wanted by the Young Men.

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Women's Finest Suits,
Worth up to \$30 and \$35,
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We have held many unusual suit sales in the past, but never anything quite the equal to this sale, which starts tomorrow morning. Anticipating an early spring season, one of the best known makers of Women's Suits in America found himself with a big overplus on hand. Warm weather has been slow coming—and he closed out several hundred of his Finest Suits to us at a cash figure that permits this extraordinary offering of the highest class Suits showing this season, at \$17.50 for garments actually worth up to thirty and thirty-five dollars.

The lot includes the finest of imported Broadcloth, Cheviot Suits in black and blue; also the smartest and most exclusive effects in Novelty Suitings. Styles are up to date, most appropriate, and include plain Etons, two-piece effect bloused Etons, with girdles, and various other fashionable effects. Most of these suits are artistically trimmed with silk beads, braid trimmings, silk medallions or silk ornaments. There are fashionable two-piece bloused Etons, with girdles; plain across shoulders or with cape; handsomely tailored, with deep bands of cloth. Various embellished with medallions, silk ornaments, wood silk braid, etc.

Another style is finished with deep silk girdle and short bolero to waist line, collarless effect, outlined with deep de sole and lace guilpore around edging, cattle slot seams on the skirt, skirt to knee. Another style is of handsome quality imported black cheviot, in short Eton bolero effect, entire jacket formed of slot seams, the skirt with slot seams to match. All have latest puff sleeves, and some are embellished with cuffs of deep de sole silk and silk braid. Choice of the finest and handsomest suits made, and worth up to as high as \$30 and \$35, for \$17.50.

\$8.50 Walking Skirts,
\$4.98

\$8.50 Spring Jackets,
\$5.00

Not only are we the first to show these new style Walking Skirts for spring and summer wear, but we are able to quote a very low price for them at the same time. They consist of imported Fancy Plaided Suits, the same material used by merchant tailors for men's suits. The style is 3-gore, killed down each gore, handsomely tailored, and every seam finished on the inside with binding. In light gray mixtures—the most approved effects for summer wear. These regular \$8.50 Skirts tomorrow at \$4.98.

The style, quality, and value cannot be matched outside this store less than the regular price of \$8.50. Latest style for spring wear—fly front, short effect, strictly tailored, made throughout, trimmed with six tailored straps, and lined with good quality satin. Made with latest PUFF SLEEVES, and turn-up cuffs—the hallmark of correct style. Tomorrow we offer these regular \$8.50 Jackets at \$5.

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